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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of:
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Attorney Docket No.: 6023-71 (MI/X13033)

Title: AUTOMATIC DEVICE FOR FINISHING AND CUTTING MULTIPLE OR SINGLE IMAGES ON PAPER AND OTHER GRAPHIC AND PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBSTRATES IN REEL OR SINGLE SHEETS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002 (Paper Number 24). A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, to and including March 18, 2003) and a Request for Continued Examination are being filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified United States Patent Application, without prejudice, as follows:

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as rewritten in clean form below. A marked-up version of claim 1 amended by rewriting and having all additions underlined and all deletions bracketed is attached hereto as page 10 of this amendment.

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